

Afghanistan: 30 'killed and wounded' in bombing inside mosque in Khost province

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Kabul: An Afghan official says at least 30 people were “killed and wounded” in a bomb blast inside a mosque in eastern Khost province that was being used as a voter registration center.

Talib Mangal, spokesman for the provincial governor, confirmed Sunday’s attack and provided the approximate toll. Baser Bena, spokesman for the provincial police chief, also confirmed the attack in Khost city, the provincial capital. Neither had an exact figure for casualties.

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Last month, an Islamic State suicide bomber attacked a voter registration center in Kabul, killing 60 people and wounding at least 130 others.

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